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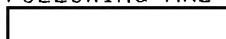


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1. FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES TO PARAGRAPHS IN TALKING POINTS

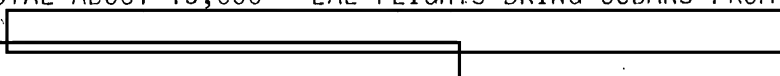


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A. SOMALIA RESIDUALS

1. (LINE 8) BIG LOSSES WERE IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT
2. (LINE 9) PROBABLY STILL HAVE MORE MEN UNDER ARMS THAN BEFORE THE WAR.
3. (NEW LINE 13) BUT EXPECT ETHIOPIANS TO OCCUPY SOME LONG DISPUTED TOWNS ALONG ILL DEFINED BORDER. THIS WILL LEAD TO SPORADIC FIGHTING AND COULD BE PRETEXT FOR FURTHER ETHIOPIAN PUNITIVE ACTIONS AGAINST SOMALIA.

B. SOVIET/CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA

1. (I.A.) TOTAL ABOUT 15,000 - EAL FLIGHTS BRING CUBANS FROM ANGOLA. 
2. (I.D.1.) ASSAB - LOGISTICS, SOME ADVISERS AND ONE COMBAT BATTALION
3. (I.D.3.) ABOUT 300 ADVISERS AT MAKALE (13-28N, 39-31E) IN TIGRE PROVINCE ADJACENT TO ERITREA ASSOCIATED WITH AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION.
4. (II.B.5.A.) 80 FLIGHTS IN LAST THREE MONTHS BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT.

C. ERITREA

1. (IV.A.5.) WILL THEY CLOSE RANKS AGAINST ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE? DESPITE NEW ELF-EPLF UNITY AGREEMENT LAST WEEK WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC.
2. (V.A.3.A.) HEAVY AIRSTRIKES PRECEDE GROUND FORCES
  - (1) ASMARA NOW ONLY AIRFIELD
  - (2) MAKALE AIR FIELD BEING IMPROVED
  - (3) SOVIETS MAY BUILD AIRFIELD ON DAHLAC ISLAND
3. (V.A.3.B.) ETHIOPIAN TROOPS ARE BEING FLOWN INTO ASMARA, BUT BIG TROOP BUILDUP FOR A MAJOR OFFENSIVE NOT SEEN YET.

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D. DJIBOUTI

1. (I.C.1.) 4,000 MAN PRESENCE IS DESIGNED AGAINST INVASION THREAT.
2. (I.B.5.) DJIBOUTI NOT AN ELECTION ISSUE IN FRANCE, BUT DEBATE GOING ON IN GOVERNMENT OVER FUTURE OF FRENCH TROOPS IN DJIBOUTI.
  - (A) SOME ARGUE TO GET OUT NOW BEFORE TROOPS ARE CAUGHT IN FIGHTING OR FORCED OUT IN HUMILIATION
  - (B) OTHERS ARGUE TO STAY TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE
    - (1) DJIBOUTI STRATEGICALLY LOCATED
    - (2) FRANCOPHONE AFRICA WILL BE ENCOURAGED
3. (III.A.) FRENCH WILL NOT DECIDE UNTIL AFTER NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, PROBABLY EARLY APRIL.

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E. SOUTH YEMEN

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(B) SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOUTH YEMEN.

2. (NEW PARA A.5.) ONE OF THREE SA-2 SITES [REDACTED]

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3. (NEW PARA A.6.) AL ANAD AIRFIELD IS PROBABLY TWO TO THREE MONTHS FROM COMPLETION.

4. BACKUP ON SOUTH YEMEN

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(B)



- (C) PARALLEL TAXIWAY AT AL ANAD STILL BEING PAVED.
- (D) NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR FORCE BUILDUP SEEN AT ANY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS OR AIRFIELDS.

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